

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2008

**A RESOLUTION ON REFORMULATED GASOLINE (AS AMENDED BY
SUBSTITUTION)**

Sponsored By: Councilman Doug Hawkins

WHEREAS, Gov. Brereton Jones in 1993 exercised his power under the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 to require that gasoline sold in Metro Louisville be Reformulated Gasoline (RFG), and as this program is strictly voluntary, the current Governor of Kentucky may under federal EPA regulations “opt-out” or change the type of boutique fuel utilized to achieve Louisville region’s clean air goals; and

WHEREAS, the RFG decision is fifteen years old and newer alternative fuels may result in achieving our community environmental goals at a fraction of the \$80,000,000 annual supplemental cost paid by our citizens ; and

WHEREAS, RFG is up to twenty-five cents (\$.25) per gallon more expensive than surrounding communities where other fuels are sold, because of the very limited and expensive RFG fuel; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro is just one of six communities not on the East or West Coast to use RFG, the others of which are much larger, making Metro Louisville even more of an afterthought for refiners and leading to price volatility, and

WHEREAS, RFG results in reduced vehicle efficiency when compared to other boutique fuels. We could reduce consumption in Louisville by up to 30,000 gallons per day with a different clean fuel choice.

NOW THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE
LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS
FOLLOWS:**

SECTION I: That Governor Beshear and his staff and the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District are hereby requested to study the clean fuel options to RFG fuel and report back to Metro Council within 90 days of the passage and approval of this Resolution on the advisability of changing the type of clean fuel used in Louisville.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

Jim King
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____